

API TANKER CONFERENCE

“WILLIAM M. BENKERT AWARD

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GOOD AFTERNOON, MY THANKS TO MR. TOM MOORE AND MR. DOUG MCCORMICK, CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN. I'M EXTRAORDINARILY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE 2000 WILLIAM M. BENKERT AWARDS.

THIS IS A PRESTIGIOUS CONFERENCE AND IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PRESENT AN AWARD OF THIS STATURE HERE TODAY, OUR PREMIER NATIONAL AWARD THAT RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THE SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO SAFETY AND PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT AND PARTNERS IN INDUSTRY HAVE NOWHERE BEEN MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE TANKER SECTOR. WE CAN SEE PART OF THIS SUCCESS STORY IN THE REDUCTION IN CARGO SPILL VOLUME. MR. STERLING MENTIONED THAT THIS MORNING AND IT'S REALLY QUITE SIGNIFICANT.

THIS AWARD IS PART OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY TO
HIGHLIGHT THE EFFORTS OF OUR PARTNERS IN
INDUSTRY THAT GO THE EXTRA MILE AS PROACTIVE
CITIZENS IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

FOR THIS REASON WE STRESS MANY ELEMENTS IN A BENKERT
AWARD EVALUATION. KEY AMONG THOSE ARE
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS,
STAKEHOLDER FOCUS (THROUGH OUTREACH AND
PARTNERSHIPS) AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURING AND
MONITORING.

THE EVALUATORS FOR THIS AWARD COME FROM A NUMBER
OF ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT,
INDUSTRY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS AND NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. THEY ARE LOOKING
FOR EVIDENCE THAT DEMANDS A VERDICT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE AWARD WAS ESTABLISHED IN
HONOR OF COAST GUARD REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM M.
“MIKE” BENKERT IN RECOGNITION OF HIS MANY
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAM.

MIKE BENKERT LED BY EXAMPLE AND INSPIRED OTHERS TO STRIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE. HE IS CONSIDERED THE FATHER OF COAST GUARD MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE WAS A PIONEER IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE ROUTINE TODAY.

HIS INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP IS HIGHLIGHTED THROUGH THE CONTINUATION OF THIS AWARD.

THE AWARD'S STANDARDS ARE RIGOROUS AND THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS AWARD HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD, REGARDLESS THE OUTCOME OF THE EVALUATION.

RECOGNITION OF DEMONSTRATED PERFORMANCE IS WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY.

WE HAVE EIGHT ORGANIZERS RECEIVING AWARDS.

WE WILL BEGIN WITH THE RUNNERS-UP:

FIRST: SKAUGEN PETROTRANS, INC., HOUSTON, TEXAS,

SKAUGEN ALSO THE RUNNER UP FOR THE 1997 AWARD, IS RECOGNIZED AS RUNNER UP IN THE LARGE VESSEL OPERATOR CATEGORY. SKAUGEN IS IN THE SHIP-TO-SHIP TRANSFER (LIGHTERING) BUSINESS. SKAUGEN EXCELLS IN ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENT.

MR. T. P. MUNTHE, PRESIDENT, MR. JOHN ELLIS, VICE PRESIDENT, AND MS. TRICIA CLARKE, MANAGER OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE WILL RECEIVE THIS AWARD ON BEHALF OF SKAUGEN.

NEXT: PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD, BREMERTON, WASHINGTON IS RECOGNIZED AS RUNNER UP IN THE LARGE BUSINESS FACILITY OPERATIONS CATEGORY.

PUGET SOUND NAVAL SHIPYARD'S RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM AND INNOVATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

CAPT GREGORY BRYANT, SHIPYARD COMMANDER AND MR. RICHARD SHIPLEY, HEAD, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF PSNSY.

NEXT: SPECIAL EXPEDITIONS MARINE (RECENTLY RENAMED LINDBLAUD EXPEDITIONS), SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

SPECIAL EXPEDITIONS MARINE IS RECOGNIZED AS RUNNER UP
IN THE SMALL BUSINESS VESSEL OPERATIONS
CATEGORY. IT PROVIDES PASSENGER CRUISES TO
SENSITIVE MARINE AREAS. THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL
PERFORMANCE SYSTEM INCLUDES TARGETS THAT FAR
EXCEED REQUIRED STANDARDS.

MS. DEBBIE REID, REPRESENTING THE VESSELS IN THE FLEET
WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF LINDBLAUD
EXPEDITIONS.

NOW, THE PRINCIPAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

FIRST: PORTLAND PIPELINE CORPORATION, SOUTH PORTLAND,
MAINE. (RECENTLY RENAMED PORTLAND-MONTREAL
PIPELINE)

PORTLAND PIPELINE HAS A SYSTEM THAT CONSISTS OF A
TANKER UNLOADING TERMINAL, TANK FIELD AND
PIPELINE NETWORK. DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME OF OIL
HANDLED PORTLAND PIPE HAS AN EXTRAORDINARY
AMOUNT OF EXPOSURE TO POLLUTION POTENTIAL.

PORTLAND PIPELINE IS A NAME YOU MAY RECALL.

PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING AN HONORABLE MENTION, I AM VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT PORTLAND PIPELINE HAS ENHANCED ITS PRIOR STATUS BY ACHIEVING FIRST PLACE IN THE SMALL FACILITY CATEGORY.

PORTLAND PIPELINE DEMONSTRATED MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE SYSTEMS. PORTLAND PIPELINE TOWERED ABOVE THE COMPETITION WITH NEAR PERFECT SCORES IN TWO EVALUATION CATEGORIES.

MR. THOMAS HARDISON, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF PORTLAND PIPELINE.

NEXT: ALASKA CLEAN SEAS OF PRUDHOE BAY, ALASKA,

ALASKA CLEAN SEAS, A NON-PROFIT, INCORPORATED OIL SPILL COOPERATIVE, OPERATES VESSELS IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT OF ALASKA. ALASKA CLEAN SEAS DISPLAYS GREAT STRENGTH IN THE AREAS OF ITS DIVERSE PARTNERSHIPS AND MULTIFACETED MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE ALASKA CLEAN SEAS AS FIRST PLACE IN THE SMALL BUSINESS VESSEL OPERATIONS CATEGORY. THEY SHARE TOP RANKING IN THIS CATEGORY WITH OUR NEXT RECIPIENT.

MR. JAMES E. MCHALE, PRESIDENT AND CEO WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF ALASKA CLEAN SEAS. I RECOGNIZE YOUR COMPANY WITH THE NATION'S PREMIER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND FOR INSPIRATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP.

NEXT: SOUTHERN TOWING COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

SOUTHERN TOWING IS A SMALL COMPANY SPECIALIZING IN THE TRANSPORT OF ANHYDROUS AMONIA WITH A FLEET OF 14 VESSELS AND 46 BARGES, PRIMARILY ALONG OUR NATION'S INLAND WATERS

I AM VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE SOUTHERN TOWING AS SHARING FIRST PLACE IN THE SMALL BUSINESS VESSEL OPERATIONS CATEGORY. SOUTHERN TOWING'S APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT WITH CLEARLY DELINEATED GOALS SETS THEM SQUARELY APART AMONG THE COMPETITION.

MR. WILLIAM “BILL” STEGBAUER, PRESIDENT, MR. FRANK STEGBAUER, VICE PRESIDENT AND CAPT MIKE SLACK, SAFETY/TRAINING MANAGER WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN TOWING.

7. CONSOLIDATED EDISON, INCORPORATED, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

CONSOLIDATED EDISON SERVES THE VERY DYNAMIC AND THE DEMANDING ENERGY MARKETPLACE OF NEW YORK CITY AND NEIGHBORING WESTCHESTER COUNTY. THE HIGH LEVEL OF ENERGY DEMAND FOR THE OPERATING AREA IS MET THROUGH WATERFRONT FACILITY OPERATIONS. THE SCOPE OF THESE EFFORTS COVER LITERALLY MILLIONS OF CITIZENS.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE CONSOLIDATED EDISON AS FIRST PLACE IN THE LARGE BUSINESS FACILITY OPERATIONS CATEGORY.

CON-ED HAS A NUMBER OF SUPERLATIVE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO HIGHLIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS. IT IS FITTING THAT CONSOLIDATED EDISON RECEIVE THIS AWARD, FOR IT AWARDS ITS OWN CORPORATE CITIZENS OPENLY FOR LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE. ITS

PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH INTERSHIPS IS A
MODEL FOR ALL.

MR. M PETER LANAHAN, JR., VICE PRESIDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH, MR. AND ANDREW JACOB, VICE PRESIDENT,
STEAM OPERATIONS WILL RECEIVE THIS AWARD ON
BEHALF OF CONSOLIDATED EDISON.

LAST: CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CROWLEY OPERATES AN EXTENSIVE ARRAY OF MARINE
SERVICES INCLUDING TANKER ESCORT AND ASSISTANCE,
PETROLEUM TRANSPORT AND SALES, CONTRACT BARGE
TRANSPORT AND A BROAD ARRAY OF TOWING,
LOGISTICS AND OTHER MARINE SUPPORT SERVICES.

I AM VERY PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE CROWLEY MARINE
SERVICES AS FIRST PLACE IN THE LARGE BUSINESS,
VESSEL, OPERATIONS CATEGORY. CROWLEY'S
ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT APPROACH IS ONE
OF CLEARLY DEFINED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. ITS
ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES FLOW
DOWN THROUGH WELL-SUPPORTED BUSINESS PLAN.

MR TOM CROWLEY, CHAIMAN OF THE BOARD AND CEO, MR.
CHARLIE F. NALLEN, VICE PRESIDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS, SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE, AND

STEPHEN WILSON, MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL
PROGRAMS WILL RECEIVE THE AWARD ON BEHALF OF
CROWLEY MARINE SERVICES.

PLEASE – ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE
RECIPIENTS.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

WE CAN ALL TAKE PRIDE IN OUR COLLECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS,
IN MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS WE
CONGRATULATE TODAY'S RECIPIENTS – WHO ARE
REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN
POLLUTION PREVENTION. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE AND THE TANKER
CONFERENCE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THIS
CEREMONY. THIS CONCLUDES THE AWARD
PRESENTATION.